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**IN THE UNITED STATES AND PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Gabriele Korus et al.  
Serial No. : 09/902,473  
Filed : July 10, 2001  
For : METHOD OF PRODUCING A QUARTZ  
GLASS CRUCIBLE  
Group art unit : 1731  
Examiner : Sean E. Vincent

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**AMENDMENT AND**  
**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

This amendment is being filed in response to the office action dated October 7, 2003 in  
the above application.

Please amend the above application as follows:

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